



Shelby County Health Department



Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program

Hundreds of Volunteers Needed for National Level Exercise (NLE) Community Earthquake Drill May 17, 2011

During the week of May 16th - 20th hospitals and medical personnel from the Mid South region will participate in an earthquake training scenario. This exercise will provide practical training experience to prepare for earthquake disaster response. On Tuesday May 17th, hospital personnel will work with volunteer patients playing the role of injured victims to provide a realistic and practical experience in treatment and response.

Volunteers will be given specific instructions in their roles. Some volunteers will pretend to be seriously wounded, which may involve using “moulage,” special makeup used to simulate lacerations or fractures. Others may be given a list of symptoms or basic vital signs to share with medical personnel.

Southwest Community College located at 5983 Macon Cove will serve as the staging location for volunteers participating in the drill. From there, transportation will be provided to participating hospitals. In addition, food and refreshments will be served for the volunteers. Other logistical details will be communicated as they are finalized.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and preregistration is required in order to participate. However, if you have questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Price, Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Coordinator at Jennifer.price@shelbycountyttn.gov or 901-379-7156.

T-shirts will be distributed to all participants at the drill.

Large Groups welcome

We appreciate your support.